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With Mitterrand Schmidt, Thatcher seek personal ties

LONDON, May 12 (Agencies) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Tuesday said they wanted to meet French President-elect Francois Mitterrand "as soon as possible" to establish "good personal relationships."

Mrs. Thatcher has never met the new French leader and Schmidt who had a close personal friendship with outgoing President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, who was defeated in Sunday's election, has met Mitterrand twice. At the end of the two-day six-month Anglo-German summit at Chequers, the prime minister's country residence, the two leaders said they wanted an exchange of views with Mitterrand on the major problems of foreign and European policy.

The next European summit June 30 in Luxembourg would be the first opportunity but as it falls on the eve of the probable French parliamentary elections, Mitterrand could seek a postponement.

On European questions, Schmidt and Mrs. Thatcher both agreed on the need to reform the common agricultural policy and the European Economic Community (EEC) budget. They deplored that fact that West Germany and Britain remained the biggest contributors to the budget and indicated they would demand a ceiling on their net contributions to the fund.

The two leaders also agreed the EEC resources should not pass the present one per cent of value added tax income to avoid financing extra expenditure in the agricultural sector. Schmidt said he hoped "this difficult question" will be settled in the second half of 1981.

The negotiations on reform of the common agricultural policy will be "very hard," Mrs. Thatcher said.

Addressing a joint news conference at the end of the meeting, Thatcher and Schmidt also announced they intend pressing for far-reaching changes on the EEC's budget and farming policies. The Thatcher-Schmidt call was for a reappraisal that will reach a decisive phase by the end of this year, and foreshadowed considerable difficulty with France's new government.

Mrs. Thatcher told reporters: "It is not the first time we have had a transfer of power in countries within the community. We are both very much looking forward to welcoming President Mitterrand to establish a warm personal relationship of the kind between Chancellor Schmidt and myself." She added that restructuring of the community budget was a major topic of the talks with Schmidt.

The West German contribution to the EEC, unless changes are made, is due to rise substantially next year from its present level of around \$2 billion. In a major victory last year, Mrs. Thatcher got Britain's contribution limited until 1982 at around \$800 million annually. But there after it is also likely to soar.

Other points made by the two leaders: — Schmidt said they welcomed the decision of the United States to begin negotiations with the Soviet Union this year on arms control and deployment of tactical nuclear weapons.

— Thatcher said they both concluded that the crisis in the Middle East cannot be solved either by the United States or the Europeans on their own.

She said "none of us can solve this alone." It is up to the United States and Europe and the countries involved to try to find a solution." Schmidt intervened to tell a questioner that West Germany considered the Palestinian Liberation Organization must acknowledge Israel's right to exist within secure boundaries while Israel must recognize the "rights of the Palestinians." He did not elaborate.

— Both leaders said the EEC was monitoring the volume of Japanese exports to Europe and would discuss the issue at next month's EEC summit in Luxembourg.



ABNORMAL CHILD BECOMES NORMAL: Two years old Natasha Roberts of Maine, who was born with heart, stomach and abdomen outside her body, appears to be waving to everyone as she stands with aid of nurses at Mass. General Hospital, Boston. Yesterday was her last day at hospital before going back to Maine Medical Center in Bangor. She underwent surgery four days after birth to replace organs, then was transferred to MGH for treatment of respiratory problems. She now breathes through a tube in her neck attached to a respirator and behaves like a barrel of monkeys.

Decline of shares fest to Socialist Mitterrand

PARIS, May 12 (Agencies) — The decline of shares on the Paris stock exchange and France's monetary uncertainties have turned out to be the first trial for Socialist President-elect Francois Mitterrand.

The closing market index dropped 9 per cent during the day, based on only 12 of the more than 200 issues on the market that posted transactions. Among the hardest hit stocks were those of major companies Mitterrand has said he would nationalize.

A wave of panic also has hit the French franc and the nation's goldmarket Monday. The franc dropped to the lowest point possible against the German mark and fell about 15 points against the dollar. Gold rose nearly 7 per cent as investors sought a hedge against potential financial upheavals.

A Socialist spokesman predicted the markets would stabilize soon. "Without a doubt this is a temporary situation," said Mitterrand's campaign manager Paul Quilès. "This is not like the United States where there have been regular government transitions every four years or so. This is the first major transition in France in 23 years. It's a new phenomenon."

Mitterrand will assume power within two weeks. Outgoing French Premier Raymond Barre warned that darker days may be ahead for the nation. He said he feared Mitterrand's election quickly would lead to "the deterioration of the domestic and international situation of our country."

The president-elect hopes the parliamentary vote will produce a leftist majority that will support his new programs, which include raising the minimum wage by 30 per cent, reducing the 40-hour work week to 35 hours, increasing social welfare benefits and raising pensions.

If the left fails to gain a parliamentary majority, Mitterrand will be the first president to face a hostile parliament since the French republic was constituted in its present form in 1958.

The Communists, who threw their full support for Mitterrand in Sunday's election, have reaffirmed their demands for Communist ministers in Mitterrand's cabinet.

Mitterrand has slated some of the most famous names of the French industrial and financial world to join the railroads, coal mines, public utilities, Air France and the Renault auto giant as state-owned or controlled companies.

But pushing through this program will, on one hand depend on his winning a majority in forthcoming legislative elections, and on the other, in containing his Communist allies who demand much more sweeping nationalizations.

Over party leadership Giscard, Chirac rift surfaces

PARIS, May 12 (AFP) — There is an open clash between outgoing President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac over who will lead the right in the forthcoming National Assembly general elections. President-elect Francois Mitterrand said last week before his victory that his first move in office would be to dissolve the National Assembly, where there is a large Conservative majority, and hold immediate general elections.

There was no doubt that Giscard d'Estaing and Chirac have decided to fight over which of them will head the opposition forces into election battle. The mass circulation evening newspaper *France Soir* Tuesday headlined its front page "The new Giscard-Chirac duel."

The quarrel came into the open Monday night when Giscard d'Estaing strongly denounced what he termed "premeditated treason" of Gaullists who Sunday voted for Mitterrand. Giscardians claimed that the defection of Gaullist voters caused the defeat of their leader, as well as the acid remarks about Giscard d'Estaing made by Chirac when he was campaigning as a first round presidential candidate.

The evening newspaper *Le Monde* reported in its analysis of the votes that Mitterrand could only have won with Gaullist support.

There is no doubt that Giscardians are furious over the lukewarm backing that Chirac and other leading Gaullists gave the president in the two-week second-round campaign.

Giscard d'Estaing, 55, has no intention of quitting the political scene and he has indicated that no leaving office, probably next Sunday, May 24, he will issue a statement to his supporters on "the way to follow." The

Beirut airport to open Begin, Klaauw hold stormy discussions

TEL AVIV, May 12 (AP) — Dutch Foreign Minister Christopher Van der Klaauw met Tuesday with Prime Minister Menachem Begin and according to Israel radio he came away angry and shut-mouthed because Begin attacked Western Europe's Middle East peace proposals.

Van der Klaauw refused to talk to reporters after the hour-long meeting and stalked away to his limousine. Begin said he had rejected the peace initiatives which Klaauw raised in his role as chairman of the foreign ministers of the European Economic Community (EEC).

"Why does the European community take the liberty to tell us how we should arrange the security of our people," Begin said. He told reporters that the castigated Klaauw for meeting with Yasser Arafat chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Begin said that his harsh words were directed at Klaauw in his role of EEC envoy, not of Dutch foreign minister.

According to Begin, Klaauw said Europe had a strong interest in Mideast peace, and therefore needed contact with Arafat as well as other Arab leaders.

Israel radio reported that Begin told Klaauw he believed his offer of self-rule for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip was "more generous than what France is giving the Corsicans." He was referring to the Mediterranean island where separatist movements are fighting to end French domination.

Klaauw sought to assure Begin that the Europeans were not trying to dictate to Israel what to do, but Begin replied that nevertheless the EEC was urging Israel to talk to its arch-foe, the PLO.

Habib Extends Stay
But United States special envoy Philip Habib decided Tuesday to extend his stay in Israel after holding a further round of talks with Begin on Lebanon. The two men refused to say what transpired at the 50-minute meeting. American officials said Habib, who originally planned to leave Israel Tuesday, would stay until Wednesday at least.

There was no indication whether any progress had been made in American efforts to avert an Israeli military attack against the SAM-6 ground-to-air missiles which Syria stationed in Lebanon two weeks ago.

Habib arrived in Israel Monday after visiting Beirut and Damascus. Begin and other Israeli leaders have made clear there will be an attack on the missiles if the peace mission fails.

The only engagement scheduled for the American envoy Wednesday is a breakfast meeting with Shimon Peres, leader of the opposition Labor Party. After that his program was uncertain.

American officials said they did not know whether Habib would meet other Israeli leaders, whether he would stay on here or where he would go if he departed. Diplomats believed that as long as Habib remained on Israeli soil Begin would refrain from ordering Israeli forces into action.

Begin told the Knesset (parliament) Monday night that he had ordered Israeli planes to attack the Syrian missiles on April 30 but that bad weather had stopped this.

Missiles Fired
However, anti-aircraft missile batteries in East Lebanon's Bekaa Valley fired at high-flying Israeli jets over the region at daybreak Tuesday, but none was hit by eyewitnesses reported.

In Tel Aviv, the military command had no comment. There was no immediate comment from Syrian officials in Damascus. But the rightist "Voice of Lebanon" radio said the Syrians fired SAMs at the Israeli jets but did not hit them. Lebanese citizens reaching Chauran, in Central Lebanon, said they saw two SAM-6s blast off from half-track vehicles three kms south of the Lebanese border airfield of Ravak into the clear, blue sky toward the white vapor trail of the jets.

Beirut Airport Opens
Meanwhile, Beirut's international airport will reopen to traffic Wednesday, the head of Lebanon's Middle East Airlines, Assad Nasr, announced in Beirut Tuesday. Airline traffic in and out of Beirut airport was halted three weeks ago after the airport vicinity came under artillery fire.

In Damascus, Syria warned Israel Tuesday

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King meets 2 ministers

RIVADH, May 12 (SPA) — King Khalid Tuesday separately received Djibouti Foreign Minister Moumin Bahdou and Chinese Communications Minister Chin-sheng Lin.

Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal attended the meeting between the King and the Djibouti minister.

Minister Bahdou arrived here earlier Tuesday on a short visit to the Kingdom. Prince Saud and Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri also attended the meeting between the King and the minister of nationalist China. Minister Lin later Tuesday paid a visit to King Faisal specialized Hospital here.

The Chinese Minister arrived in the Kingdom Saturday on a week-long visit. He has held talks with Sheikh Mansouri on promoting bilateral relations and the participation of Chinese companies in the Kingdom's development projects.

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Soviet threat growing, NATO says

BRUSSELS, May 12 (Agencies) — The United States has asked its European allies to allow it to ferry troops and equipment through their territories in an emergency in the Gulf, the chairman of NATO's military committee said Tuesday. Admiral Robert Falls of Canada said he did not know whether requests for overflight rights and stop-over facilities for the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) would require a formal agreement or just a tacit understanding.

Support by other NATO countries for U.S. efforts to defend the West's interests was discussed as 14 NATO defense ministers began a two-day meeting to plan force levels needed to meet a Soviet threat.

Falls, told a new conference he did not think it was necessary to create a multinational NATO task force for emergencies in South-West Asia. This seemed impractical as the same results could be achieved by bilateral cooperation between the United States and its allies.

U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, taking part in the first broad review of NATO's needs, said in Britain Sunday that the U.S. was ready to defend the West's interests but it did not think it could do it alone.

The NATO committee said the Soviet Union in 1981 increased its ability to mount independent and rapid military operations, enhancing its "hit" capabilities throughout the world.

In the military committee report, NATO said, "the restructuring of Soviet ground elements makes it increasingly evident that NATO must consider facing the threat of Soviet and Warsaw Pact armies composed of a high number of brigade-sized units, capable of independent and rapid operations. The units can execute deep and rapid penetration offensive maneuvers supported by 'seemingly ever increasing number of attack and assault helicopter gunships,' such as those operating in Afghanistan, the report said.

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S. Korea, Kingdom discuss oil supplies

By Adnan Sadig
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, May 12 — Saudi Arabian and South Korean officials discussed a Korean request for increasing oil exports to that country, but no agreement has been reached, according to a top Korean official.

South Korean Interior Minister Suh Chung, who told Arab News Tuesday that Saudi Arabia is studying the issue of oil supplies to South Korea. The minister was to depart Riyadh Tuesday after a four-day visit. Who said his country suffers a shortage in oil supplies, but is able to overcome the deficiency.

Who also held talks with Petroleum and Minerals Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani Monday — among other top officials he met during his visit. Who concentrated on cooperation in petroleum affairs and bilateral relations.

The Korean minister was seen-off by Interior Minister Prince Naif, Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad, Deputy Interior Minister Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji and other senior officials. Who was received by King Khaled and held extensive talks with Prince Naif during his stay.

Who denied rumors that most of the



GIFT: Interior Minister Prince Naif (right) and S. Korean Interior Minister Suh Chung. Who exchange gifts during the minister's visit.

South Korean workers in the Kingdom are under military service. "These are fabrications by foreign media intended to strain Saudi-Korean relations," Who said. The government has no knowledge of such actions and workers recruited by Korean companies operating in the Kingdom or other countries in the region are selected through media advertisements as in any other country, he said.

"As a result of the increased demand on Korean manpower, the country is now facing a shortage in skilled workers since they have gone abroad to work in friendly countries," Who added. The government is proud of the Korean workers' reputation. "Saudi Arabian officials confirmed that the Koreans are hard-workers and honest," he said.

Ahsa irrigation project to be reviewed

By agriculture minister

AHSA, May 12 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh is to preside over a meeting Wednesday for the committee entrusted with Ahsa's irrigation and drainage project. High on the agenda is the development of agricultural methods and the committee's budget and new projects.

Dr. Al-Sheikh also chaired a meeting of the National Agricultural Development Company's Board Monday. The board was meeting for the first time and the agriculture and water minister is its chairman.

The board decided to make the Harth agricultural production project the com-

pany's first venture. It also approved executive programs for wheat and fodder harvests for the next season. The board reviewed possibilities of establishing agricultural projects in various parts of the Kingdom and commissioning the company to coordinate with the Ministry of Agriculture and Water to invest in agricultural production through various crops.

"The company approved a 1,000-cow dairy product project to be part of the Harth project and commissioned the start of work. The board meeting was attended by members which included deputy ministers of commerce, agriculture and water and treasurer of

the public investments fund of the finance and national economy ministry.

In another development, local flour and fodder production during the last fiscal year increased two-fold, according to officials. Jeddah's Grain Silos and Flour Mills Project sold 2.265 million packs of various sizes during the 1980-81 fiscal year compared to 1.126 million in the year before.

Muhammad Najih Khudr, the project's manager, said Tuesday that fodder sales exceeded one million packs in the last fiscal year. The project's fodder sales amounted to 391,893 packs only in the year before last, he added.

FROM THE GULF

ABU DHABI, May 12 (WAM) — Naser Al-Nuwais, the managing director of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development (ADFAED) and a member of the board of directors of the Gulf Air Company left here Tuesday for Manama to participate in the meetings of the Gulf Air board due to start there.

During the meeting, the board will discuss the company's budget for 1981 and the possibility of the company's support by its member states.

It will also review issues relating to the ratification of the board's previous meetings minutes. Gulf Air Company is jointly owned by the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain.

chambers of commerce and businessmen on promoting bilateral trade co-operation.

ABU DHABI, May 12 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan received here Tuesday Edmund Muskie, former U.S. Secretary of State who is currently on a visit to the UAE.

The meeting was attended by Ahmed Khalifa Al-Suwaidi, the president's representative.

Sultan attends naval graduation

DAMMAM, May 12 (SPA) — Defense Minister Prince Sultan Tuesday attended the graduation ceremony of a class of academic and technical officers at the Naval Technical Studies Institute here.

The class of 100 officers included 13 who attended a 13-week course. The rest spent three years studying marine sciences, military skills and marine arts.

The ceremony was attended by Sheikh Turki Al-Otaysan, deputy governor of the Eastern Province; Maj. Gen. Yusouf Al-Bouri, the province commander; Navy Brig. Muhammad Ooo Sharaf Al-Barakati, commander of the naval forces; and other senior officers as well as the cadets' parents and guardians.

Salman inspects desalination plant

JUBAIL, May 12 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman Tuesday inspected phases I and II of Jubail's desalination plant and the 450 kilometer dual pipeline which is to carry water to Riyadh.

The prince also inspected the electric power supply units, the plant's reservoirs and the pumping station. He then visited the industrial zone, the naval base and the housing complex annexed to the desalting station.

The local branch of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation gave a luncheon in honor of Prince Salman. The banquet was also attended by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, the agriculture and water minister and board chairman of the corporation; and other senior officials.

Phase I of the desalination and electric power plant, which is nearing completion, has a capacity of 30 million gallons of drinking water a day and 300 megawatts of electricity. It is made up of six identical boilers and vapor-activated turbines. It will become operational in September 1982 to supply Jubail and its industrial zone and airbase.

The second phase, expected to start production in August 1983, has a capacity of 200 million gallons of water and 1,000 megawatts of power daily. The water output is destined for Riyadh while the electrical power will feed the Consolidated Electricity Corporation of the Eastern Province.



Majed visits center for blind

JEDDAH, May 12 (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed Monday evening attended the annual closing ceremony of the activities of Al-Amal institute for blind girls. He was met on arrival by Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaid, director general of education for the Western Province; and other officials.

The prince toured the institute and a plastic arts exhibitions organized for the occasion. He also witnessed its artistic and technical activities. The supervisor of the institute expressed her gratitude to King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd for their genuine efforts and continuous assistance to the institute. She also thanked Prince Majed and the attendance for honoring the institute with their presence.

Children presented several plays and chanted national songs as part of the ceremony. Taking the floor, Prince Majed said he was impressed with what he had seen. He expressed his appreciation to Dr. Zaid and hoped the staff and students of the institute further success.

Palestine Week set

MAKKAH, May 12 (SPA) — Makkah's Ummul Qura University will organize the Palestine Week as of Sunday in cooperation with the Popular Committee for the Welfare of Palestinian Martyrs and Fighters' families.

U.S. treasury secretary visit nears

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan will visit four Mideast countries, including Saudi Arabia, to discuss energy and other economic issues in a week-long trip beginning Friday, department officials said Monday.

Regan will attend a meeting of the U.S.-Saudi Arabian joint commission on economic cooperation at Riyadh Friday, the department said in a news release. Regan is co-chairman of the commission. The treasury secretary will also meet with senior officials of the Saudi Arabian government before flying to Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates next Monday and Tuesday "to make official contacts with the leaders of these two Gulf

states and to exchange views on economic issues," the release said.

Regan will then travel to Libreville, Gabon remaining there Wednesday through Friday, as head of the U.S. delegation to meetings of the interim and development committees on the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Officials accompanying him to the four nations will include his undersecretary for monetary affairs, Beryl Sprinkel, and his assistant secretary for international affairs Marc E. Leland, the release said. It said, "Financial, energy and global economic matters will be the focus of the discussions in each of these countries."

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Kingdom chosen for world labor council

By Adnan Sadeg
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, May 12 — Saudi Arabia was chosen to be a member of the Advisory Council of the International Labor Studies Institute in Geneva, which is an offshoot of the 142-member International Labor Organization.

The Kingdom was chosen because of the role it plays as a leader in the Islamic world. "Representatives of Western countries in the institute realized they are facing a desperate situation since their intellectuals are unable to face the prevailing Western trends that undermine all values and beliefs," said Dr. Yassin Saleh Underqiri, Saudi Arabia's assistant undersecretary for labor and social affairs.

Underqiri also is the Kingdom's representative to the council and board chairman of the Technical and Vocational Training and Research Center for Islamic countries.

Council members thought Islam and Muslim thinking would be the best safeguard against such devastating (Western) currents, hence their invitation to Saudi Arabia to become a member, Underqiri added.

The council is made up of five members from among prominent economists, educationists and labor experts appointed by consultation with the United Nations secretary general, UNESCO's director general, and the head of the ILO. They work with members of the institute's board of trustees representing the ILO's administrative council.

The ILO groups government representatives, business owners and representatives of workers. The institute plays a major part in orienting labor and social policy studies and research through publications and mass media. It also greatly influences the ILO's agreements and recommendations which regulates socio-economic affairs of the world over.

The council holds several meetings a year in Geneva and the coming session will be at the end of May. The selection of Saudi Arabia was based on the council's weighing of colonialism in world history, Underqiri said. "They found that Islamic communities resisted all kinds of ideologies and trends for hundreds of years as a result of their attach-



ATTENTIVE: Dr. Yassin Saleh Underqiri (second from left) listens to discussions during a recent meeting of the Advisory Council of the International Labor Studies Institute in Geneva.

ment to Islam, thus preserving their identity and values," the official added.

Dr. Underqiri told *Arab News* he will always seek the help of Islamic universities and scholars to shed light on and disseminate Islamic thoughts and values at the council and through it. Islamic economic and social values will, God willing, play a great part in bringing about peace and prosperity to man-kind, he said.

He pointed out that, aware of the importance of the institute, Saudi Arabia already gave it a substantial donation and will continue its assistance.

He also said that at the council's coming meeting this month, Saudi Arabia will propose holding seminars and the organization of training courses as well as the publication of Islamic socio-economic research works on labor.

Such works will pinpoint the major aspects of Islamic Sharia Laws governing work, economy and development. Islam soon will occupy its natural place everywhere on earth, Underqiri said.

Talks focus on Jeddah

JEDDAH, May 12 (SPA) — Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi met with Dr. Abdul Majeed Daghtani, head of the Jeddah projects scientific coordination committee, Tuesday. They discussed the latest developments in the city's projects in the light of the Municipality budget this year.

Jeddah municipality was allocated SR3.851 billion. The meeting was attended by representatives of international companies involved in Jeddah's projects and concerned government departments.

Credentials presented

JEDDAH, May 12 (SPA) — Deputy Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Al-Thumayyan separately received the new Philippines Ambassador Benjamin T. Romualdez and Italian Ambassador Marcello Salimei Tuesday. The two ambassadors presented a copy of their credentials. They will be received by King Khalid to present their credentials formally.

West defends AWACS sale during speech

By Cynthia Shantley
Houston Bureau

SAN FRANCISCO, California, May 12 — John C. West, former United States ambassador to Saudi Arabia, expressed his concern over what he called the "shortsightedness" of those people who say Saudi Arabia does not need AWACS.

As a participant in a panel discussion on "American Strategic Interest in the Middle East" at the ninth annual National Arab-American Association at the St. Francis Hotel, West said, "The oil fields of Saudi Arabia are very vulnerable to potential attacks, bombs and sabotage." He suggested that a single bomb, properly placed, could wreck the United States' and possibly the entire world's economy.

If the AWACS sale falls through, there will be a series loss of U.S. credibility, West predicted. And the Saudi Arabians will look elsewhere as they already have shown with their recent purchase of military equipment from France, he added.

"But the worst thing that could happen would be to prove that a foreign government (Israel) has veto power over the foreign policy of the United States," the former ambassador said.

The ambassador's remarks drew a round of applause from the NAAA audience. The NAAA strongly supports the Reagan Administration's decision to seal air defense equipment to the Kingdom.

In a major position paper released May 7, the NAAA said President Reagan should be given "full support in Congress for his decision to sell supplemental air defense equipment in the form of add-on items for Saudi Arabia's fleet of F-15s, aerial tankers and AWACS (Airborne Warning and Command System Aircraft).

The NAAA defended its position by saying the sale would strengthen American national interest by meeting the legitimate needs of a major friend and trading partner in the Middle East. The group added that the sale adds to U.S. strategic ability to defend against potential Soviet threats.

Along with former ambassador West, other distinguished guests and speakers from around the world participated in the NAAA convention. The speakers included former U.S. ambassador to Qatar Andrew Kilgore; Alan Gouly, first secretary from Great Britain's embassy; Dr. Hatem Hussaini, director of the Palestine information office; Ambassador Ali Hadda of Tunisia; and dean of the Arab ambassadors to the United States, Dr. Clovis Maksoud.

The third day of convention activities was highlighted by an afternoon of panel discussion and presentations covering a wide range of contemporary issues.



SIGNING: Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah signs the SR3.26 billion contract for building the second phase of the National Guard's housing program. Seen with Prince Abdullah are Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khwaiter (right) and Deputy National Guard Commander Prince Badr (left).

Youths urged to honor traditions

MAKKAH, May 12 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal, elder son of King Faisal and prominent Arab poet, Monday called on Saudi Arabian youths not to imitate the West, but to stick to their own traditions.

The statement was made during a dialogue organized by Makkah's literary club during which he also dealt with the traditional respect of a person's neighbor and marriage problems. Mayor Abdul Qader Koshak and other notables also were present.

To explore foundry market

Pakistan official plans visit

JEDDAH, May 12 — A top executive of Pakistan's biggest heavy foundry and forge complex will arrive in the Kingdom soon to explore marketing prospects for the products of the state-owned concern, the Pakistan embassy reported Tuesday.

The embassy told *Arab News* that Chaudhry Nasir Elahi, who heads the sales and marketing division of the complex, will visit the Kingdom for several days. He will visit the business centers of Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam.

The businessman specifically will explore prospects for the marketing of lining plates, grinding media and forgings and castings for cement factories, crushing rolls and other parts of sugar mills, the embassy said.

Chaudhry will hold meetings with businessmen and importers and will negotiate business deals.

castings and forgings for the national railway, automobile, cement, sugar, steel, oil-drilling, re-rolling and agricultural engineering industries, the complex has been yielding substantial surpluses.

The management of the complex recently has mounted a major drive to channel the surplus into export outlets. The official's visit forms part of the drive, the embassy added.

Bangladeshi stopover

JEDDAH, May 12 (SPA) — Bangladesh's Foreign Minister Prof. Shamsul Haq stopped over here Monday on his way to Baghdad. He was met at the airport by Sheikh Salem Sunbul, the head of the Foreign Ministry Protocol; Ambassador Arshad-uz-Zaman, assistant secretary general for political affairs and information of the Organization of the Islamic Conference; and his country's ambassador to Saudi Arabia Humayun Chowdhry.

Prayer Times

	Makkah	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Wednesday						
Fajr (Dawn)	4.18	4.14	3.45	3.29	3.54	4.20
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.17	12.18	11.49	11.36	12.00	12.30
Assr (Evening)	3.35	3.43	3.15	3.05	3.30	4.04
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.52	6.58	6.29	6.19	6.43	7.17
Isha (Night)	8.22	8.28	7.59	7.49	8.13	8.47

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Grand Opening



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*Cordial Greetings to His Majesty King Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz
Crown Prince and Deputy Prime Minister H.R.H. Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz and Second Deputy Prime Minister and
Commander of the National Guard H.R.H. Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz*

CIVIL WORKS CO. ● OBEROI HOTELS ● SAUDI OBEROI CO. ● HOTEL DAMMAM OBEROI



M. S. OBEROI
MOHAN SINGH OBEROI, Chairman and founder of Oberoi Hotels was born in August 1900 in Bhaun, a small village which is now in Pakistan. The story of the head of one of Asia's largest hotel chains has been a dramatic one, full of initial difficulties which were overcome by spartan self discipline and perseverance.

He is President of Honour of the Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Association of India and a member of the Board of Directors of Indian Airlines. Mr. Oberoi has also been a member of both houses of the Indian Parliament for over a decade. Mr. Oberoi lives on a farm near Delhi and continues to take a keen interest in the affairs of his Company. He still retains an old fashioned humility about himself. "I have been able to accept the challenge and made good". He adds, "There is comfort in knowing that whatever little I have achieved has also helped to raise the prestige of my country"

SAUDI OBEROI CO.

The SAUDI OBEROI COMPANY, a joint venture Company of Oberoi Hotels with Civil Works Company, was formed in April, 1980 with the objective of management of hotels and allied hospitality services in the Kingdom.

To date, the Company has management contracts for the Dammam Hotel, the Hotel Dammam Oberoi, and is negotiating for, the management of two hotels in Jeddah and Riyadh.

The Company also supplies catering services to the Abdulla Fouad Hospital in Dammam.

OBEROI HOTELS were established 50 years ago, and the chain at present extends to locations as varied as Cairo, Aswan Dam, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, Zanzibar, Australia and U.S.A.

The endeavour has been to put together a Group, where each Hotel has an individuality, but the quality of service is of a standard that the traveller expects in the East. It is personalised, courteous and prompt. All the advantages of a chain operation, referrals, training of staff, bulk purchases and so on are available to all our hotels.

Over the years Oberoi Hotels have established a reputation for guest satisfaction. We believe that this is due to our hallmark of traditional hospitality. A commitment made by us has always meant a promise of total involvement by a specialised group of people for stable and profitable hotel ventures operated on international standards.



*Under the distinguished patronage of H. H. Emir
of the Eastern Province
Prince Abdul Mohsen Bin Jalawi
The hotel was officially inaugurated by
His Excellency Sheikh Turki Al-Otaishan,
Deputy Governor of the Eastern Province*

SHIV MOHAN MEHRA

Mr. Shiv Mehra, the General Manager of Hotel Dammam Oberoi is no new hand in Saudi Arabia. He has been the General Manager of the Dammam Hotel for the last 4 years and has taken over the management of Hotel Dammam Oberoi as of the beginning of the year.



Mr. Shiv Mehra graduated from the college of Catering, Bombay, India in 1962. A Fellow of the Hotel Catering and Institutional Management Association of the U.K., Fellow of the Royal Society of Health, Fellow of the Food and Cookery Association, he has worked in various capacities in hotels all over the world. Mr. Mehra was associated with the opening of the Oberoi Hotels in Delhi, Bombay, Colombo, Aswan and Dammam.

A disciple of the motto—"The customer is always right", Mr. Mehra believes that the customer knows what he wants and he will come to you if you provide the service he requires at the price he can afford.

Mr. Mehra brings to the Hotel Dammam Oberoi, a wealth of experience and talent gained in 20 years of hotel management.

CIVIL WORKS COMPANY

The Civil Works Company, the proprietor of the Hotel Dammam Oberoi, is a partnership of some of the most successful businessmen in the Kingdom. The partners are Abdullah Fouad, Rashid Al Rashid, Ali Tamimi and Abdul Aziz and Omran Al Omran. Between them they have far ranging interests such as construction companies, pipelines, investment companies, hotels, hospitals, cement and steel supplies, supermarkets, banking and building material among others.

The Civil Works Company is primarily engaged in construction and has constructed among others the Hotel Dammam Oberoi and Dammam Hotel.

Among the future construction plans is an exhibition centre in Dammam next to the Hotel Dammam Oberoi.



SARDAR MOHAMMAD HAROON KHAN has been appointed as Director Sales and Marketing, Hotel Dammam Oberoi and Oberoi Hotels International and brings along with him 22 years of experience in the field of Sales and Marketing. He has served with Caltex Oil (Pakistan) Ltd and General Motors Corp/Gandhara Industries Ltd in Pakistan holding important executive positions. He has gained valuable experience in the hotel industry by serving in the "Intercontinental Hotels Corporation", initially as Sales Manager, Hotel Intercontinental, Karachi and later promoted to Area Sales Director for Central Asia, responsible for the marketing of all the Intercontinental Hotels in Central Asia, through their respective sales managers.

24 HOTELS IN 11 COUNTRIES

THE 15 STOREY HOTEL DAMMAM OBEROI built at a cost of 170,000,000 Saudi Riyals, is a luxury hotel, consisting of 308 rooms including 3 Royal Suites, 18 Executive Suites and 19 Junior Suites. This hotel has been designed especially for businessmen and has computerised reservations and accounting facilities. There is also a special businessman centre at the hotel where secretarial services in two languages plus photocopying and telex services are provided. The latest in telephone systems has been installed which features direct dialing around the world.

The hotel has 3 restaurants: a Grill room, a Coffee Shop and a Chinese Restaurant. A conference cum banquetting facility for 600 persons plus a separate minor conference facility on the roof top for 75 persons has been provided. The hotel has a large swimming pool and an additional kiddie pool set in a tropical landscape. A health club with gymnasium, tennis courts and a shopping arcade which includes a travel counter are among the other services which are available. Parking has been provided for 160 cars, of which 50% will be covered.



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Grand Opening



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Elegance, comfort, service, information and recreation, these were the guidelines for the planning of the Hotel Dammmam Oberoi

In 1977, Oberoi Hotels along with Messrs Khatib & Alami, the Architects and Dale Keller Associates, the Interior Designers, made a detailed research and study into the needs of the business traveller coming to Saudi Arabia. Every aspect of the needs of the traveller and how they could be met were studied.

A comfortable and elegant hotel in an inhospitable climate was a must. 13 hrs out of New York into a dusty humid climate is a climatic shock which few people can take in their stride. An elegant and comfortable hotel helps to mitigate the shock.

Service, one of the most elusive commodities in modern times, requires planning. The best interviewed staff are helpless unless a hotel is designed for efficient service. Much thought and planning went into designing of this hotel for fast and efficient service.

To the business traveller reliable information at his fingertips is an invaluable asset. To achieve this, we have established a businessman's centre which has computer indexed information relevant to the business traveller, so that relevant information is available in the shortest possible time. The businessman's centre also offers secretarial service, translation facilities, photocopying (with enlargement and reduction facilities), telex facilities and the guest can also set an office for the duration of his stay if he so desires. All this in one compact and central place.

Recreation is a must in a country where diversions are few. To this end we have planned a health club with gymnasium, sauna and massage, tennis courts, swimming pool and an indoor games complex which includes billiards and table tennis.

The construction of the 15 floors luxury hotel started on 1st May 1978 and was completed at a cost of SR 170,000,000 at the beginning of this year, and was carried out by a joint venture of Civil Works Co. and Korea Development Corporation. The civil and mechanical workmanship are comparable with any first class building anywhere in the world. Due credit is given to the contractors for maintaining the highest standards while being on schedule.

The hotel features three excellent restaurants and an extensive banqueting and conference facility. The Al Ghazal restaurant is the grill room where prime American beef, fresh native lamb, milk fed Kansas veal and fresh lobsters from the Red Sea along with tempting Lebanese Mese are at the command of the gourmet. A visit to the Al Ghazal is an experience not lightly forgotten.

Le Chinois is the roof top Chinese restaurant serving authentic Cantonese food with a panoramic view of Dammmam Port and the Arabian Gulf, this restaurant is a must for Chinese food fans. A brigade of Chinese cooks from Singapore toss up such delicacies as to delight the palate.

The Al Bustan Coffee Shop, a 24-hour cafe for quick meals, refreshments or snacks, a buffet set up with the complement of hot and cold delicacies, is ideal for the busy businessman.



Sheikh Abdulla Fouad addressing the distinguished visitors at the opening of Hotel Dammmam Oberoi.



Mr. Rashed Al Rashed with Deputy Governor of the Eastern Region Sheikh Turki Al Otaishan



Deputy Governor of the Eastern Region Sheikh Turki Al Otaishan along with distinguished guests.



Some of the distinguished visitors, in the forefront Mr. P.R.S. Oberoi, Deputy Chairman of Oberoi Hotels and Mr. G.K. Khanna, Director of Oberoi Hotels.



Left to right Mr. Akram Arafah Wholesale Manager, Tamimi & Fouad Food Company, Sheikh Abdulla Fouad, Partner, Civil Works Company, Mr. Shiv Mehra, General Manager, Hotel Dammmam Oberoi, Mr. V. Shankar Mani, Project Manager, Hotel Dammmam Oberoi, Mr. Madan Misra, Vice President, Saudi Oberoi Co. Ltd., Sardar M. Haroon Khan, Director of Sales & Marketing - Hotel Dammmam Oberoi & Oberoi Hotels International



Left to right Sheikh Ali Tamimi, Partner, Civil Works Company, Mr. P.R.S. Oberoi, Deputy Chairman, Oberoi Hotels and Mr. Abdulla Al Rashed.



Left to right Mr. Ratan Tata, Managing Director, Saudi Oberoi Company, Mr. James M. Eatum, Consul General of U.S.A. — Mr. G.K. Khanna, Director, Oberoi Hotels, Mr. P.R.S. Oberoi Deputy Chairman and Mr. Karim El Zei.



Some of the distinguished visitors in the grand ballroom

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I'LL HELP YOU DOWN, MISS BLIXLEY

CUT THAT OUT, KILLER

I SIGNALLED FOR A FAIR CATCH

BLONDIE

I WANT TWO FRIED EGGS DONE JUST RIGHT

MAKE THE WHITES HARD AND THE YOLKS SOFT

SALT, BUT JUST A PINCH OF PEPPER AND DON'T COOK THEM IN GREASE

IS IT ALL RIGHT IF THE HEN'S NAME WAS GLORIA

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE IF YOU CROSSED AN ANT WITH AN ELEPHANT?

A REASON TO DREAD PICNICS.

B.C.

NO WONDER YOU BEAT ME! ERIC SAID YOU FIDDLER THE MARKER BOARD!

ME, YOUR PAL! HOW COULD YOU DO SUCH A THING?!

YOU'VE AD YOUR BACK TO ME

I ASK THE DAPPEST QUESTIONS

ANDY CAPP

Success is 50% WORK, 50% SKILL AND 50% LUCK!

WHO IS HE?

THAT'S OUR NEW ACCOUNTANT

HAGAR

HOO-BOY! MAYBE IT'S TRUE THAT LIFE BEGINS AT FORTY...

BUT EVERYTHING ELSE BEGINS TO WEAR OUT, FALL OUT, OR SPREAD OUT, TOO...

SMALL SOCIETY

TELL ME WHERE YOU HIDE THE GOLD AND I'LL REDUCE YOUR PUNISHMENT

...IT'S UNDERNEATH MY FORK!

PUT HIM ON THE SMALL RACK

WIZARD

Twist serve AT A GLANCE

IT PUTS BOTH SIDES IN AND SIDES IN TO THE BALL, CAUSING IT TO GO HIGH AND TO LEFT OF RECEIVER.

SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

UNLESS YOU ARE STRONG AND FLEXIBLE, BIG BACK REQUIRED MAY CREATE MUCH STRESS.

PROCEED WITH CAUTION!

DENNIS the MENACE

IT'S ONLY RUBBER, MR. WILSON! YOU DON'T THINK I'D PUT A REAL SPIDER IN YOUR SOUP, DO YA?!

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Power of Positive Thinking

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 6 5 3
♥ A K Q 10 5
♦ J 7 2
♣ A K

EAST
♠ J
♥ J 7 4 3 2
♦ 9 5
♣ Q 10 8 6 5

WEST
♠ A 10
♥ 9 6
♦ A K Q 10 8 3
♣ 7 4 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q 9 8 7 4 2
♥ 8
♦ 6 4
♣ J 9 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1♥ Pass 1♠ 2♣
3♥ Pass 3♠ Pass

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

A defender sees only his own hand and dummy's, but he should be constantly busy constructing and reconstructing declarer's hand so that he can deal with it in the best possible way.

One basic rule of defense is that you almost automatically avoid crediting declarer with a hand that allows him to make the contract. On the contrary, you try to imagine holdings declarer may have that allow you to stop the contract. These imagined holdings may sometimes seem farfetched, but, even so, it's better to think in a positive manner that may lead to defeat of the contract than to think in a negative manner that in effect concedes the contract.

Let's assume you're West, defending against four spades. You cash the king of diamonds and continue with the queen as everyone follows suit.

Looking at dummy's impressive hearts and clubs, you realize that you can't defeat the contract unless your side can score two trump tricks. All your thoughts should therefore be devoted to conjuring up hands South can hold — particularly his trump holding — that will permit the contract to be defeated.

Instead of thinking directly of South's trump holdings, it's probably easier to think of East's possible trump holdings. Some of them will lead to defeat of the contract, if you can arrange to get maximum mileage out of your trumps.

The correct play at trick three is a low diamond! This play will be effective if East ruffs high with any of these four trump holdings: Q-x, J-x, singleton queen, or singleton jack. In all four cases you would make two trump tricks with your A-10, instead of only one, because your partner's high-card ruff promotes your ten into an extra trump trick.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Luck is with you on the job, but you still have to be careful of details. Look for new ways to improve income and status.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
You'll have a good time with loved ones, if you'll avoid squabbles about money. The late evening may bring a career opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
This is no time to bring up old problems. Forget the past and enjoy the present moment. After dark, you'll enjoy pleasure pursuits.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) ♋
Benefits accrue through friends, but you're easily distracted on the job. Apartment-hunters meet with luck. Family affairs prosper.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) ♌
Keep security needs in mind. You may make a decision about a major purchase. Good news highlights the late evening. Be creative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Though you're unusually articulate, you may still misunderstand another's intentions. Financial news is fortunate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Tackle unfinished projects now. Privacy abets accomplishment, if you don't daydream. You'll feel especially creative towards midnight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
New contacts are exciting, but avoid financial dealings with strangers. Enjoy good times, but know when to call it a day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Work efforts pay off now. Strive to get ahead. The late evening brings popularity and benefits through friendship. Congratulations!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Intellectual pursuits bring pleasure. Unexpected news from afar is welcome. Mix business with pleasure and you'll meet with good fortune.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Seek loans for property improvements, but steer clear of dubious schemes. Recreational pursuits bring nice times after dark.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Don't let preoccupation with your career cause you to miss the chance to improve ties with a close one. Partners bring you luck.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 41 Powwow site
1 "The Forsyte" Pester, with "on"
5 Sauce staple
11 Irish islands
12 Laundry worker
13 Spanish painter
14 Blew the hinder
15 Place of abode
17 Suffix for labor
18 Poem
19 Native of Bonn (abbr.)
20 Extra
23 Word with finger or hand
24 Telecast anew
25 Sharpened
26 Mimic
27 Studied, with "over"
28 Chinese pagoda
29 Palm leaf
30 Issue
31 Gunfire
36 Paper pad
38 On a voyage
39 Finally!
40 Headliner

DOWN
1 Cincture
2 Field
3 Clothing
4 Opposed to
5 Screed
6 Be a spell-
7 Witticism
8 Daughter of Oedipus
9 Wobbled
10 Called for
16 Riven
21 Foreword
22 Switzer
23 Favoring
24 Drum roll
25 Frost
27 Rider in
28 Nebraska
29 Overweight
32 Imprudent
33 Nick
34 Charles' dog
35 Equipment
36 Famed gun-
37 Disap-
38 Pearing seat

Yesterday's Answer

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
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One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES
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Yesterday's Cryptquote: THE BEST THROW OF THE DICE IS TO THROW THEM AWAY. — SOURCE: OBSCURE

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Violence flares in Ireland

Another IRA man set to die in Maze

BELFAST, May 12 (Agencies) — Jailed guerrilla Francis Hughes Tuesday seemed set to become the second Irish Republican Army hunger striker to die in British-ruled Northern Ireland this month. Hughes is near death on the 59th day of his hunger strike.

A British government spokesman said a room had been set aside for his family at the Maze prison hospital outside Belfast and that the family was being allowed unlimited access to the dying man. Similar facilities were granted to the family of Bobby Sands a few days before he died after a 66-day fast May 5.

Hughes' family Monday told supporters of the hunger strike, which is part of a campaign for jailed Republicans to be treated as prisoners of war, that he was slipping in and out of a coma and was blind and unable to move. Three persons died in violence which flared in Republican areas of the province after Sands' death.

Hughes, 25, serving life imprisonment for shooting a British soldier dead in 1978, is said by his supporters to be as determined to die as Sands was if the demands for political prisoner status were not met. The government has said it would never grant political status.

Hughes' supporters say he is unlikely to live as long as Sands because of the weakening effect of a serious leg wound he suffered when captured in 1978. Two other prisoners in the Maze, Patsy O'Hara and Raymond McCreech, are in the 51st day of the hunger strike. Another prisoner, Joseph McDonnell, started a fast Saturday to replace Sands.

One of the persons killed after Sands' death, 14-year-old Desmond Guiney, was buried in north Belfast. He died from injuries suffered when his father's milk cart was hijacked by stone-throwing rioters in mainly Catholic west Belfast the morning after Sands died. Hundreds of Desmond's schoolmates and thousands of other mourners attended the emotional funeral in mainly Protestant stronghold.

Meanwhile, violence flared in Belfast and Londonderry as the condition of Hughes deteriorated sharply.

The Belfast brigade of the Irish Republican Army, militant "provisional" wing claimed responsibility for a sniper attack Monday on British troops escorting a post office cash shipment in west Belfast's Ballymurphy district. One soldier was seriously wounded and another slightly injured, police said.

In Londonderry, dozens of Molotov cocktails were hurled at security forces during the night and police said they returned fire after coming under sniper attack in the Roman Catholic Creggan district.

In Belfast, where police and army patrols were attacked with more than 1,500 Molotov cocktails last week, security forces found a storage but in Ballymurphy containing 12 crates of bottles, a gallon of hydrochloric acid, gasoline, funnels and cloth twisted into wicks — all reportedly for making acid and gasoline-filled bombs.

The Belfast IRA brigade called on residents of Catholic areas to keep children away from army vehicles.



WELL-PRESERVED: Visitors to a Peking museum get a glimpse of some of China's richest archaeological finds, including five well-preserved bodies and 200 artifacts discovered along the ancient Silk Road route in arid northwestern China. The bodies are attracting thousands of visitors a day.

Senate panel restricts military aid to Salvador

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP) — Rejecting a last-minute appeal from Secretary of State Alexander Haig, the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee has overwhelmingly approved restrictions on U.S. military aid to El Salvador.

The committee voted 81-1 to cut off military help and withdraw U.S. advisers from El Salvador unless President Ronald Reagan certifies in writing that country's government can control its armed forces, observe basic human rights and is making progress on political reforms. Similar conditions were approved by the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee two weeks ago.

But in response to a separate appeal from Haig, the committee softened an amendment that would have prohibited U.S. military aid to Argentina until government moves to account for more than 5,000 persons listed as "disappeared."

The committee approved with a different 11-1 lineup a nonbinding requirement that Reagan consider Argentina's accounting of the "disappeared" people before renewing U.S. aid. Haig wrote the committee that U.S. aid to Argentina supports America's own strategic interests, and he said Argentina's human rights record has improved.

Zayed, Gandhi discuss relations

ABU DHABI, May 12 (Agency) — Formal talks opened here Tuesday between Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and United Emirate President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan on ways of upgrading economic cooperation between the two countries, the Gulf News Agency reported. Sources said the talks also dealt with combined action by India and the Arab states to keep the Indian Ocean and the Gulf region free from superpower conflicts.

The two sides discussed the latest developments in the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and the advisability of initiating a South-North dialogue between industrialized countries and developing nations of the Third World, the same sources said.

Mrs. Gandhi visited Kuwait before coming to the UAE with the stated aim of achieving a higher degree of cooperation and talking the Arabs into investing their capital in India. She also was reported to be concerned about the raging war between Iraq and Iran, which sources said also figured prominently in her talks with the leaders of Kuwait and the UAE.

Briton given extra heart

LONDON, May 12 (R) — Surgeons have given a patient a new heart without removing the diseased one in the first operation of its kind to be carried out in Britain. The operation was performed on a 51-year-old man, Peter Scott, at a hospital near London, a hospital spokesman said Tuesday.

He said Scott, a married man with three daughters, was given the heart of a teenage girl who died in a road accident. His condition was reported as stable. Egyptian-born Magdi Yacoub, consultant cardiac surgeon at the hospital, said the four-hour operation, carried out Sunday night, had been a complete success.

In the operation, known as a "piggyback", the new heart is sewn into the patient's chest next to the diseased one and is linked to it to absorb most of the strain. The technique was pioneered by Christian Barnard in South Africa.

Court decision hailed Polish farmers get status

WARSAW, May 12 (Agencies) — Rural Solidarity, the independent union of private farmers and offshoot of Workers' Solidarity, won legal status Tuesday in a Warsaw district court. The decision to register the "self-governing, independent union of private farmers' Solidarity" prompted a roar of approval from some 4,000 persons listening to the proceedings outside the court.

"This is perhaps the end of one stage in the road, and the start of another, much bolder stage," union leader Jan Kulaj had said just prior to the final decision. The crowd of farmers and onlookers burst into loud applause when Kulaj emerged from the grey stone court building to lead a procession to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier for a wreath placing ceremony.

The decision to sanction Rural Solidarity assures it the same legal status of Workers' Solidarity, launched during shipyard protests in the Baltic port of Gdansk and registered here last November. Kulaj said that the union represented some 2.5 million of Poland's 3.9 million private farmers who own 70 per cent of the farmland and produce 80 per cent of Poland's food.

During the two-hour and 15 minute court session Tuesday, judge Zdzislaw Koscielniak, who once rejected an earlier independent farm union charter, read the union's new charter and approved it with some minor changes.

The supreme court had rejected the farmers' charter in February on the ground that farmers were self-employed and could form unions. But the farmers reorganized, produced a new charter and won the promise of registration during the Bydgoszcz sit-in.

Meanwhile, the Soviet newspaper Pravda has accused the Polish dissident group KOR of doing everything to destroy the economy and undermine the Polish government, according to Moscow Radio. The radio's world service, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, quoted Pravda as saying KOR had gained the upper hand in Poland's Solidarity.

Free Democrats hold key in Berlin

WEST BERLIN, May 12 (R) — West Berlin's chance of a stable government appeared Tuesday to hinge on the outcome of an internal battle in the small Free Democratic Party (FDP). Until city elections Sunday, West Berlin was ruled for 18 years by an alliance of the liberal FDP and the Social Democratic Party (SDP), an identical coalition to the one governing West Germany.

The voting brought a strong swing to the opposition Christian Democrat Union (CDU) but left it two seats short of an overall majority in the new city assembly. West German political commentators said an attempt by the CDU to form a minority government would end in failure within months and force new elections. CDU leaders have called on both the FDP and SDP to consider an alliance, but the SDP refused.

The commentators said an alliance between the FDP and CDU in West Berlin could cause serious strains for the federal SDP-FDP coalition. Signs of a serious internal split in the West Berlin FDP over a possible switch of allegiance emerged Monday when leading FDP officials gave contradictory views on the issue.

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that if it attacked Syria, it would face not only the Arab countries but also the Soviet Union. Al-Baath, newspaper of President Hafez Assad's ruling Baath Socialist Party, said: "Begin must think twice before he goes too far in his foolishness and threats to strike against Syria."

It said that if Israel attacked Syria, it would face not just the Arab countries, but also "the strategic wall of Syrian-Soviet friendship and cooperation."

In Washington, American sources said Tuesday that there is growing concern in official U.S. circles that Israel's impending attack on Syrian missile batteries in Lebanon is calculated to bring the U.S. into direct confrontation with the Soviet Union.

Moscow, which signed a defense pact with Damascus last year, has made it clear to the Reagan administration that it will not let the Syrians down if a major war erupts over the Lebanon crisis, American sources said.

The Reagan administration wants to avoid any kind of confrontation with the Soviets in the Middle East at this time, and is hoping that the current mediation efforts of Habib in the region will prevent a major blowup.

But evidence is mounting that Israel plans to ignore U.S. warnings and proceed with an air strike operation against Soviet-built SAM missile batteries in central Lebanon as well as additional anti-aircraft emplacements on the Syrian side of the Lebanese border.

American television networks Tuesday morning showed film of Israeli troops and military hardware, including tanks and armored personnel carriers, being moved north to the Lebanese border area.

Stamp sold for \$1m

GENEVA, May 12 (R) — A highly sought-after 1845 letter and stamp known as the "blue boy" has been bought for \$1 million — the highest price ever paid for a philatelic item, a dealer said Tuesday.

David Feldman, a philatelic dealer based in Geneva, said an anonymous collector secured the stamped letter in an auction held here earlier this month. The letter was posted from Alexandria to Richmond in Virginia in 1845, and earned its nickname among collectors because the five-cent blue stamp was sent on a love letter from a young man to a Richmond woman.

27th Atlanta black slain

ATLANTA, Georgia, May 12 (AFP) — The body of a 17-year-old William Barret was discovered at dawn here Tuesday — making him 27th in the list of unsolved slayings or disappearances of young black people here in the past two years.

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